# Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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The Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.

# **Record of Actions**

# 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 5, 2013

# 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Council members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Tremaine, and Zumwalt were present. Council Members Mason and Stevenson absent. Councilman Stevenson arrived at 7:15pm

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Officer Eric Brewer of Calif. Highway Patrol, Deputy Ken Marchese and Lt. Paul O'Mary of the Sheriff's Dept., Mr. Paul Schubert & Mrs. Tina Gonzalez of Golden State Water Co., Ms. Barbara Flynn of C.C. County Libraries, Mr. Tony Medina of C.C. County Public Works, Mr. Willie Scott and Mr. Delano Johnson from Bay Point Community All-N-One, Inc. and Ms. Leslie-Anne Palaroan from Habitat for Humanity.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Willie Scott

#### 2. Approval of March 5, 2013 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to approve the March 5, 2012 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Kopitar. Motion carried 5 - 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Council members Mason and Stevenson absent.

#### 3. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for \$120.00
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of February 5, 2013
- c. Approval of 2012 Year End Report

Motion made by Councilman Corbin to approve Consent Items.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she would like to add to the 2012 Year End Report's proposed Work Plan, the Keller Canyon Grant fund.

Motion made by Councilman Corbin to approve Consent Items with amended Year End Report to include the Keller Canyon Grant fund in the proposed Work Plan. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 5-0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Council members Mason and Stevenson absent.

#### 4. Public Comments:

Ms. Judy Dawson stated she believed it was important that she as a Bay Point resident register her disappointment that we have another sex offender in our presence; Mr. Christman. She stated it was done with very short notice; not fair that community was not given a chance to share their feelings, even though it's probably going to happen anyways. Ms. Dawson stated it would have been nice if the constituents had had a chance to come to a meeting where they could voice their concerns and get some feedback from officials.

Ms. Leslie-Anne Palaroan from Habitat for Humanity stated she wanted to give everybody an update on 3 community projects they are going to be doing in Bay Point.

- 1) This Saturday 9:00am 12:00pm the Habitat Homeowners throughout Bay Point are adopting Canal Road
- 2) April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> will be phase II of Bel Air Elementary School Improvement project. She stated she has been working with the kids and they have designed an outdoor reading area next to their library, painting the tether-ball poles to look like pencils, and putting up a fence to separate the school from the trail and paint the Bel Air Trail wall
- 3) Some Saturday late April they will be painting Ambrose Community Center

Mr. Willie Scott distributed publication and stated he wanted to give a bit of an update on Bay Point All-N-One has been doing. He stated they have done a financial workshop on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the booklet handed out are what they used during the workshop; put together and used by professionals during their presentations. Mr. Scott stated part of what they wanted to achieve was and atmosphere where interaction with the participants was possible and the booklet helped do this with questions. He stated it turned out very well, was well received, and they intend on doing another in May. Mr. Scott stated they are also looking for a location where they could do the same thing on a smaller basis, weekly, to educate residents about their finances. He stated they had professionals there to speak on things like retirement, Wills & Trusts, inheritances, investments, savings plans, debt reduction, etc. Mr. Scott stated it was also an opportunity for some to market and advertise their services.

#### **5. Agency Reports.** The MAC received the following reports:

#### a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Paul O'Mary

Lt. Paul O'Mary stated first off, in conjunction with the Pittsburg Police Department,

they are having a gun buy-back program on March 16<sup>th</sup>, strictly for Bay Point and Pittsburg residents.

Lt. O'Mary stated secondly he would like to tag-along with Ms. Dawson regarding Mr. Christman being released from custody into their jurisdiction. He stated the Sheriff's Department is obviously opposed to Mr. Christman's presence in the community, District Attorney Derrick Butts has been in San Francisco's Federal Court fighting against his release; but we lost last Wednesday. Lt. O'Mary stated they are appealing the court's decision, but he's not very confident that the appeal will be won. He stated the Sheriff's Department is in the mode that he is going to be delivered into our community sometime in the future. Lt. O'Mary stated tomorrow afternoon their special investigative unit, special assault investigators, and the Bay Point resident Deputies, will be going into the community where he'll be housed making door-to-door notification about Mr. Christman's probable release. He stated Pittsburg Police is obviously involved as well as across the street from his location is Pittsburg's jurisdiction, and the school the debate is about him being near, is in Pittsburg's jurisdiction. Lt. O'Mary reiterated just how upset the Sheriff's Department is, and stated there is no satisfaction in their trying to appease them with the fact that Mr. Christman will wear an ankle-bracelet that is monitored 24/7 by a private company, and private security will be on scene at his residence for an amount of time. He stated the Sheriff's will be high visibility in that area when he arrives, not sure when, along with the Pittsburg Police.

Lt. O'Mary distributed copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of February, stating they were pretty much in accordance for this time of year; nothing note-worthy. He stated the burglary suppression they did in January has stopped the armed robberies, and some of the commercial burglaries.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if the numbers on the Statistics Key could be changed to reflect the actual name of the crime, and Lt. O'Mary stated he would have that done.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if Mr. Christmas would be allowed to leave the property where he'll reside, and Lt. O'Mary stated yes he could.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if the flyers notifying residents about Mr. Christmas could also be distributed at the Safeway store on Bailey so as to reach more residents in other areas of Bay Point and Pittsburg, and Lt. O'Mary stated he would speak to Pittsburg PD as it is their jurisdiction, but could see not problem in that.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if Mr. Christman will be on the Sex Offender's website and Lt. O'Mary stated he is on there now.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she wanted to thank the Sheriff's for making a difference as the crimes are a lot less this month. She stated she also wanted to thank the Deputies Stabio and Marchese for alerting us about the sexual predator coming to our town. Councilwoman Garcia stated she appreciated the District Attorney fighting Mr. Christman's release, and she could even understand the judge's ruling in San Francisco;

she stated the persons she totally blames is the attorneys that own the property where Mr. Christman and previously Mr. Verse is to be housed; because they are the ones opening their doors to these people. She stated Mr. Christman could not be placed in San Francisco because no landlord was willing to take him on, and since we have a landlord here in our community, Anthony Ashe and Arecili Ramirez, that opens their doors to sexual predators, they will continue to be placed here.

Councilwoman Kopitar shared her thanks also regarding the burglary suppression.

Chairman Tremaine asked if the Pittsburg Police were also going to be frequenting the location where Mr. Christmas is residing since it is right on the border, and Lt. O'Mary stated he was sure they are; nobody is happy he is coming.

Chairman Tremaine asked if this was something the Highway Patrol would be using the Senior Volunteers for in driving by, and CHP Officer Eric Brewer stated no. Officer Brewer stated that in fact something like this they steer them away from as they are very hands off in enforcement, and they don't want them put into any situation where it might be high risk for them.

Deputy Briggs stated that at least a couple of times a week he and the Resident Deputy Marchese meet with Pittsburg Police officers and share what is going on, usually meeting there at the gas station on the corner, and he's thinking they might be doing it front of their house instead for awhile.

Lt. O'Mary stated Mr. Christman will know the Sheriff's are here. He stated it had been reported that he has some medical condition that prevents him from walking well without a walker, and will have GPS tracking; he doesn't care. Lt. O'Mary stated he has been released twice before and re-offended both times. He stated they will have some plans in case there is an incident; there will be an operational order in place on how they will respond.

Mr. Harold Lashon stated it seems like the residents don't have any say in this as he's already on his way here, and asked if it would help to put together a petition. Lt. O'Mary stated if the appeal fails that could be considered, however if a judge is not persuaded by the nearness of a school argued by a Resident Deputy (Marchese), the school Principle, and witness to how many kids use that intersection to cross and go to school, a petition will probably not move him either.

Councilman Stevenson stated his comments are not so much about Mr. Christman but rather about the attorneys that own the property, and this is the second sexual predator they've had; seemingly thumbing their noses at the community. He asked if they knew of anything that could be done as a community against the attorneys.

Lt. O'Mary stated not to his knowledge, that piece of property has been zoned out commercial/residential.

## b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Brewer shared statistics for February, stating DUI's were down significantly but traffic collision were up; made 8 DUI arrests, 18 traffic collisions being investigated, of those 3 were DUI traffic collisions, made 9 other arrests, 8 of those for DUI and 1 for a warrant. He stated he didn't have the citation count, but it was pretty high.

Officer Brewer stated regarding the Senior Volunteers that had been brought up earlier, they are strictly warm & friendly community relations type thing. He stated they don't want them anywhere near felons; they have no way of defending themselves, carry no pepper-spray or anything like that, and no training in self-defense. Officer Brewer stated they know how to use the radios in the cars to call in incidents, but are mostly for a presence in the community.

Officer Brewer stated he often works the stop sign at Loftus, so will be in the area, and the beat officers are aware as well.

# c. Supervisor Federal Glover's General Report - Mr. Ed Diokno

- · Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover's Grant Writing Workshop was successful with about 100 in attendance at the Shell Clubhouse, last February 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated the next workshop will be in the fall.
- Mr. Diokno stated don't forget to tell young people you know about the Youth Summit that will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> at Los Medanos College, 8:00am to 3:00pm. He stated the keynote speaker is Jeremy Newberry, who played for the 49er's, raised in Antioch, and twice made the Pro-bowl.
- Mr. Diokno stated the venue for Joint MAC meeting has been changed. It will be held at the Supervisor's Martinez office at 651 Pine Street on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. He stated a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. It runs from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Diokno stated it will be the first time for MAC members to meet their counterparts from the new parts of District V. He stated all the MAC's will be asked to give a report on their upcoming and planned activities and projects.

Mr. Diokno stated a question had been raised last meeting, and the joint meeting is open to the public, they just need to be notified so enough food is ordered.

- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor is holding a Town Hall for Bay Point on April 2<sup>nd</sup>,
  6:00pm 7:00pm; just before the next MAC meeting. He stated County staff from the Sheriff's Office, Public Works and Conservation & Development will be present to give updates to projects and answer questions.
- · Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will be hosting a table at the Unity in Community celebration event on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated the MAC should be planning on how they want to participate, either joining Supervisor Glover at his table or

having their own.

- Mr. Diokno stated as mentioned earlier by Lt. O'Mary, the gun buy-back program is on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Pittsburg City Hall. He stated if you know of anyone who needs money and owns a gun, here's a chance to earn some cash; they are paying \$200.00 for handguns, shotguns and rifles, \$300.00 for assault weapons. Mr. Diokno stated this is for Pittsburg and Bay Point residents only and they won't be checking for warrants.
- Mr. Diokno stated, as also mentioned by Lt. O'Mary, the county is protesting the decision to locate another sex offender in Bay Point. He stated as in the case of Cary Verse, the Supervisor and the District Attorney are strongly opposed to Mr. Christman's placement in our community. Mr. Diokno stated as was in the case of Mr. Cary Verse protests don't seem to have any effect. He stated the supervisor finds it difficult to believe that a residence cannot be found in San Francisco and El Cerrito, where Mr. Christman committed his crimes.
- Mr. Diokno stated lastly, on a lighter note, the Willow Creek Cleanup last Saturday was a resounding success. He stated as you recall, this project came out of the MAC's Code Committee. Mr. Diokno stated about 40 volunteers, including Council Member Mason and her family, helped conduct the first creek cleanup in Bay Point organized by the Wetland Project and County Watershed Program, in partnership with Allied Waste, the Sheriff's Office and Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Diokno stated volunteers removed over 70 tires, 1 couch, 1 water heater, 4 mattresses, 2 shopping carts, 1 stroller, 1 bicycle, many, many toys, and close to 50 trash bags of litter. He stated it filled a 1 ½ ton dumpster to capacity, another dumpster was filled with invasive green waste; and 1 and ½ dump trucks were filled with other recyclables. Mr. Diokno stated those who participated were enthusiastic and already talking about having another one in the near future, a different creek.

# d. Golden State Water Company – Mrs. Tina Gonzalez

Mrs. Tina Gonzalez shared the Bay Point Operations & Maintenance Report for February 2013 including: flushed 55,175 gallons, changed out a total of 14 meters, and for the valve maintenance program they exercised 12 hydrant valves, 50 main line valves and 47 others, and for service and repair, 2 were repaired and none replaced. She stated for the month of February they completed all their electrical maintenance for the reservoirs and booster stations; and for next month they should have some plans for their Chadwick booster station to share. Ms. Gonzalez stated also on March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Contra Costa County Engineering and Science Fair where Golden Stated Water Company along with 10 other water and waste water agencies are sponsoring the water category, and 1 of their staff engineers will be a judge at that event.

#### **6. Presentations** Presentations were made by:

## a. Citizen of the Month Awards - Councilwoman Garcia

None

### b. County Library Strategic Plan - Ms. Barbara Flynn

Ms. Barbara Flynn stated she was happy to be here and wanted to say congratulations for the Bay Point community being selected by the Koshland Foundation as neighborhood of 2013. She stated the county library is committed to providing service here in Bay Point and when they received funds from GenOn and Keller Canyon, those dollars went to provide programming and materials for children in the community. Ms. Flynn stated they also provide the Discover and Go outreach; the Museum Pass program that is accessed electronically to get passes to various museums and cultural venues to enter free of charge or at a greatly reduced rate; operating for 2 years now and a very successful program. She stated if there is any way the library could be of assistance during our special program time, being Neighborhood 2013, they are willing, ready, and able to help; just call let and them know.

Ms. Flynn stated in November of 2012 Contra Costa County Library was 1 of 5 public libraries selected to receive Library Land's highest award, the Gold Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for service to the community. She stated one of the services highlighted was the Discover and Go program. She stated just now 3 months later they have just been informed they are the recipient of a grant of \$84,000.00 to expand the Discover and Go program. Ms. Flynn stated they will be expanding into the East Bay and Northern California; they are lucky enough to be able to expand into Southern California also, into the county of Los Angeles public library, one of the biggest in the state, bringing our presence into Southern California, helping fulfill the longtime goal of bringing the Discover and Go program to the whole state; extend their model.

Ms. Flynn stated Museum passes have been around since the 1980's in paper form, but she believes they are the first in the country to offer them electronically; go online at home or the library, see what is available and when, and print the pass out for your use. She stated she would love to report one day they have extended all the way to San Diego, or up to Eureka.

Ms. Flynn stated the second thing she had come to talk about is the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Contra Costa County Library; founded July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1913; and this year that date falls on a Sunday. She stated that is fabulous because they are planning a gigantic Birthday Party Celebration that day at noon till 5:00pm, at Pleasant Hill Park and the adjacent Teen Center, and are hoping for a huge turnout. Ms. Flynn stated you don't have to stay the whole day; they will have food provided by food trucks, entertainment, and programs for all ages. Ms. Flynn stated it looks to be a very good time, and hopes everyone will come and bring their friends and families.

Ms. Flynn stated one other point of interest she wanted to share is the fact they are updating their Strategic Plan. She stated the last Strategic Plan was done in 2006, and is a

very good, robust plan, and they are still working with it, but the world has changed dramatically since 2006; and as they are accountable to the citizens of the county, that it is their duty to go out and see how their doing, and see what the community needs from the library now. Ms. Flynn stated they will be having Public Forums, Town Hall meetings, etc. in communities; whatever their consultant finds works best, to ask what the Library can do for them. She stated after gathering that information they will put it in a draft plan, and again that draft plan will come to the community for input and critique. Ms. Flynn stated they hope to have this completed by the end of the year, and that it will be a short range plan, maximum 2 year, as the world changes so rapidly that the idea of longer plans is not viable anymore.

Ms. Flynn stated she would be remiss in her duty as a librarian if she didn't talk about the value of the library; why libraries are so important. She shared what a library is, it means different things for people, and gave examples for different ages and stages in one's life.

Ms. Flynn ended her presentation with a quote for former New York Dailey News columnist and author, Pete Hamill,

"In hard times libraries are more important than ever. Human beings need what books give them better than any other medium. Since ancient knights around prehistoric campfires we have needed myth and heroes and moral tales, and information about the world beyond the nearest mountain or ocean. Today with books and movies more expensive than ever, and television entertainment in freefall to the lowest level of stupidity, free circulating books are an absolute necessity; they are quite simply another kind of food. For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the library."

Ms. Judy Dawson asked about use of the grant received, and Ms. Flynn stated the life of the grant money is to be used to pay for professional help to include the other areas mentioned to bring them online for the Discover and Go; for publicity; and for some staff time to go out to various museums and venues to have them join the consortium.

Mr. Diokno asked if there were still the Friends of the Bay Point Library group, and Ms. Flynn stated she didn't think so.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked if they were still collecting ink cartridges, and Ms. Flynn stated they hadn't been, but it might be something worthwhile, and will be looking at it again in the future.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about the hours of operation at the Bay Point Library and Ms. Flynn stated she didn't know for sure, she has 26 libraries to keep track of.

# c. Adopt-A-Road – Tony Medina, Contra Costa County Public Works Dept.

Mr. Tony Medina stated one of his duties working for the county's Public Works Dept. is to oversee the Adopt-a-Road program for the un-incorporated roads in Contra Costa County. He stated they currently have 5 groups that have adopted roads in the Bay Point

area, 2 in San Pablo, and 2 in San Ramon. Mr. Medina stated here in Bay Point they have Evora Road from one end to the other has been adopted; Driftwood Drive from Evora to Port Chicago has been adopted; Canal Road from Bailey to Loftus has been adopted by Habitat for Humanity; Willow Pass Road from Gobel to Mary's Ave. has been adopted; and PG&E has adopted Port Chicago Hwy. from Willow Pass to McAvoy.

Mr. Medina stated he met with Councilman Stevenson a couple of weeks ago to talk about a couple of other groups interested in Evora Road, splitting it, as right now Calvary Church is doing the whole thing. He stated Golden State Water Co. is interested in adopting the western side of Evora, and another couple of groups are interested in adopting portions of Willow Pass east of Bailey Road.

Mr. Medina gave a review of the Adopt-a-Road program including:

- · Adopt-a-Road was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2010
- Volunteers or Citizen's groups will adopt portions of roads for clean-up; pick up trash & debris, and bag
- Sit down with volunteer group and designate a leader that oversees the operation and works with him in setting it up and getting supplies for the group
- · Originally asked groups to adopt a 2 mile section, but sometimes that is not feasible and he works with groups and what they can do
- Signs are put up at the end of the roads to show who has adopted the roads, usually including their own logo
- Not a lot of restrictions put on groups, but want to make sure the road they want to work on is safe; if they can't be safe about it, they don't want them working
- · Volunteers are supplied with trash bags, safety vests, some basic hand tools
- · When they are done they send a completion form to him and one of county's crews comes and picks up the debris and bags; usually the last week of the month in Bay Point

Mr. Medina stated he drives around and sees the roads that have been adopted, and especially like Driftwood that used to be a really bad spot, having the roads clean and keeping them clean somehow sends a signal to people that might be dumping. He stated it's not completely abated, but it is so much better than it used to be.

Mr. Medina stated he works with the groups and what they want to do and some are doing some graffiti abatement too, and it's not that much more work to provide them with some paint. He stated some of them have done week removal and they will pick up that too bagged.

Mr. Medina stated that is basically the program, that they ask the volunteers to sign a Release of Liability/Hold Harmless form, and get some basic contact information from them, sit down with the group or the group's leader to go over some safety training, fill out an Adopt-a-Road agreement, get them their supplies, and they are good to go. He stated he doesn't like being really rigid, that if someone is volunteering, he lets the ball be their court, and the program is meant to be run with minimal county supervision. Mr. Medina shared some copies of the Adopt-a-Road Guidelines with Council and audience.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked, and there was clarification about the county road crews picking up trash and debris only once a month in Bay Point.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked about what groups had Evora and Driftwood, and Mr. Medina stated Driftwood was adopted by California Skyline, and Calvary Baptist Church is currently taking care of Evora from one end to the other; but as he had spoke to Councilman Stevenson about earlier, that is a lot for one group so they are going to split it with another group. Councilwoman Kopitar shared her thanks, that it is a wonderful thing to have here in Bay Point, she knows funding is short and it is nice to see people pitching in.

Councilman Stevenson stated he and Councilman Tremaine has spoken about doing some sort of awards for the program and the volunteers, but everyone is strapped for funds.

Councilman Tremaine stated he was hoping they could come up with a plaque or something, that what he concerned about is the program will drop below critical mass, that the people will feel isolated and unappreciated after awhile. He stated he would to do something to refresh their enthusiasm in giving them some kind of recognition.

There was a discussion regarding the county issuing some kind of certificate and/or letter, as they've done in other areas that have been around a long time; having the groups come in before the MAC meeting; or having a time for a celebration.

Councilwoman Garcia suggested using the 'National Night Out' date to honor and show appreciation to those serving our community, including these volunteers as well as our law enforcement and fire fighters. She also shared her thanks to Mr. Medina and asked to share the MAC's appreciation with the volunteers when he speaks to them.

Ms. Judy Dawson asked who was responsible for the freeway ramps clean-up, and Mr. Medina stated it was CalTrans property and their responsibility. There was a short discussion on who to contact about their neglect, and Mr. Diokno stated it would probably be more effective if Assemblywoman Bonilla or a state legislature contacted them instead of Supervisor Glover.

There was also a short discussion regarding the Adopt-a-Road program extending into neighborhood streets, and how recognition would be made.

Mr. Medina stated that beyond Adopt-a-Road's benefit to the community, it is a big help to the county too because they have been mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to start reducing the trash that goes into the waterways, hence the trapcapture devices on drains you might see along Willow Pass Road. He stated all bay area counties are on a 3 stage mandate, and right now they are on a mandate to reduce trash going into waterways by 40%, everything down to the size of a cigarette butt; by 2017 it is 70% and by 2020 the Board's expectation is 100%; failure means huge fines. Mr. Medina stated counties are expected to buy the devices, install them and maintain them.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated that Mr. Jerry Fahy from county used to coordinate with CalTrans.

Mr. Medina stated Mr. Fahy is still with the county working as a traffic engineer, one of the construction divisions of traffic; but he would ask him about it his working with CalTrans

#### 7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

None

#### **8.** Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

#### a. CAP - Councilwoman Kopitar

Councilwoman Kopitar stated they met at Criterion and it was a pretty informative meeting; learned what the catalysts do what they are used for. She stated it was well attended and announced they still welcome people to join, and if anyone is interested to contact her at 768-9100, and she would forward the information to the CAP coordinator, Marina.

#### b. Code Enforcement - Chairman Tremaine

Chairman Tremaine stated their next meeting is tomorrow at Supervisor Glover's office in Pittsburg. He stated the largest subject discussed at their last Code meeting was Creek clean-up that was just completed.

#### c. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson stated to add to Mr. Medina's report, when they first organized this Adopt-a-Road program in Bay Point, he and Mr. Medina drove the major roads in Bay Point and identified 8 different sites they wanted to offer for adoption. He stated they didn't include east Willow Pass Road because he thought that whole area is the frontage a business or residence and would be kept clean, but there is a lot of debris along the road there now; maybe they need to adopt the whole Willow Pass corridor from Loftus to Port Chicago. Councilman Stevenson stated the First AME church at Clearland and Willow Pass is considering adopting Willow Pass from Manor to Anuta Park.

There was a short discussion regarding the safety of working on Willow Pass Road, and the possibility of having the Chamber of Commerce ask the businesses take better care of their portion of Willow Pass; also the need for clean-up on surface streets Suisun and Pullman.

# 9. Members' Reports

Councilwoman Garcia stated the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce is having a strategies

retreat on Saturday, March  $16^{th}$  from 8:00am -9:30am here at Ambrose, and this would be the time to bring suggestions and question; this is an opportunity to share ideas with the Chamber, and thank them for the work they're doing. She stated you don't have to be a member to attend; they are looking for input from residents too.

Councilwoman Garcia thanked Councilman Tremaine for putting together the nice work plan for 2013; she likes all the projects, especially the Memorial Day parade that she is already involved in. She stated it is important and time the MAC become a part of this community event; Supervisor Glover's office has always been a part of it. Councilwoman Garcia stated as she is already involved in the planning, she is hoping another member of the MAC steps up and takes the leadership, deciding to get a car or even walk in the parade with other MAC members

Councilwoman Garcia stated she also wanted to mention the newsletter that it is time people submit articles and information they would like included i.e. Habitat for Humanity.

Councilwoman Garcia stated if anyone knows someone that is an outstanding citizen of our community to please let her know for the monthly award; she thanked Mr. Diokno for his suggestion of a gentleman who helped out in this past weekend's clean-up.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she would like to see on a future agenda the National Night Out, as being a celebration headed by the MAC to recognize and show appreciation of our community's heroes. She shared how in the past it has been done on a small scale with little help, and that she has always suggested and hoped the MAC would step up and take it over.

Councilwoman Garcia stated regarding the sexual predator, thanks to the Sheriff's office, and please share also with the District Attorney thanks for his work done in standing up for our community. She stated she places the whole blame on the attorney's that used to live in that house, but moved to Walnut Creek, and now with open arms open their property up to be inhabited by violent sexual predators. Councilwoman Garcia stated they must be letting someone know somewhere that they have this property available to bring your nastiest people out here to this community; and do it secretly so no one from our community could attend. She stated it is outrageous that it is done this way. Councilwoman Garcia stated she also heard they make a great deal of money for housing these people, and they never contribute anything, anyway, back to the Bay Point community.

Councilwoman Garcia distributed copies of the Financial Report stating they could discuss the report more at the next meeting. She indicated there was an error in posting a rent payment this year, that should have been done last year, and now the budget is shorter \$228.

Mr. Diokno stated he would have to discuss it Lynn Reichard, and took copies of Councilwoman's invoices and records.

Chairman Tremaine stated he wanted to report that Convoy of Hope is coming back this Fall. He stated its been gone for a couple of years, it moved up to Sacramento, and now there will be an entire Northern California Convoy of Hope, just as it was done before.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to report that the promotional items Councilwoman ordered from Ready Print are in, and that's exciting. She stated they were discussing where they should be stored, and she proposed they be at Supervisor Glover's office, to have space for some of the items like A-frames, banners, table cloths etc.

Mr. Diokno stated they will find somewhere to put them.

Councilman Corbin stated he wanted to commend and thank the Sheriff's Department for staying the entirety of the meeting; it's the first time he's seen that since he had sat on the Council, and it shows their sincerity in engaging the community.

Chairman Tremaine stated he wanted to thank collectively for the MAC, the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol for the great work they do in our community despite the very tight budget he knows they have to work with.

Councilwoman Zumwalt noted that Councilman Corbin would be leaving the MAC soon as he was moving with his family; and thanked him for the great job done, and that she enjoyed working with him. Similar sentiments were shared by the rest of the Council.

Councilman Corbin stated it had been a pleasure to serve this community, and all he tried to do was promote community engagement, mentoring, and contributions from young people in the community; just be a model citizen, by staying informed and doing what he could. He stated that although he won't be living in Bay Point, he still works in a community school in Pittsburg, still serving the community. Councilman Corbin asked Mr. Diokno to please pass on his thanks to Supervisor Glover for giving him this opportunity.

#### 10. Correspondence.

None

#### 11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Elections
- **b.** Memorial Day Parade Participation
- **c.** National Night Out Celebration
- **d.** Financial Report, question about posted rent charges Councilwoman Garcia

# 12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center's Board Room.

This meeting record is provided pursuant to Better Government Ordinance 95-6, Article 25-2205(d) of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code.